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Sen. Goschka appoints new chief of staff

LANSING — Sen. Mike Goschka, R-Brant, today announced the appointment of Joe Underwood as his new chief of staff.

Underwood, 42, has extensive Lansing legislative experience as an assistant to former Sen. George McManus. He served as the senator's key aide on budget issues.

"I look forward to making this a very successful year for Sen. Goschka and advancing his agenda," Underwood said. "Given my experience with the appropriations process, the senator and I think this will be an excellent fit."

Goschka chairs the Senate Appropriations subcommittees that deal with higher education and retirement. He represents Gratiot and Saginaw counties.

Underwood, a graduate of Central Michigan University, is in the process of moving to Lansing from the Traverse City area. He is active in the Boy Scouts and worked as a political consultant before coming to Goschka's office.

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